

same meaning as *handicapped family*, except that unrelated handicapped individuals sharing a unit (other than a handicapped person living with another person who is essential to the handicapped person's well-being) are counted as separate households. For independent living complexes for handicapped families in the developmental disability or physically handicapped occupancy categories, units with three or more bedrooms may only be developed to serve handicapped families of one or two parents with children.

(b) *Additional limitations.* Based on the amount of loan authority appropriated for a fiscal year, HUD may have imposed additional limitations on the number of units or residents that may be proposed under an application for Section 202 loan fund reservation, as published in the annual notice of funding availability or the invitation for Section 202 fund reservation.

(c) *Exemptions.* On a case-by-case basis, HUD may approve independent living complexes that do not comply with the project size limitations prescribed in paragraphs (a)(2), (a)(3), or (b) of this section. HUD may approve such projects if the Sponsor demonstrates:

(1) The increased number of units is necessary for the economic feasibility of the project;

(2) A project of the size proposed is compatible with other residential development and the population density of the area in which the project is to be located;

(3) A project of the size proposed can be successfully integrated into the community; and

(4) A project of the size proposed is marketable in the community.

§ 891.670 Cost containment and modest design standards.

(a) *Restrictions on amenities.* Projects must be modest in design. Except as provided in paragraph (d) of this section, amenities must be limited to those amenities, as determined by HUD, that are generally provided in unassisted decent, safe, and sanitary housing for low-income families in the market area. Amenities not eligible for HUD funding include balconies, atriums, decks, bowling alleys, swim-

ming pools, saunas, and jacuzzis. Dishwashers, trash compactors, and washers and dryers in individual units will not be funded in independent living complexes. The use of durable materials to control or reduce maintenance, repair, and replacement costs is not an excess amenity.

(b) *Unit sizes.* For independent living complexes, HUD will establish limitations on the size of units and number of bathrooms, based on the number of bedrooms that are in the unit.

(c) *Special spaces and accommodations.*

(1) The costs of construction of special spaces and accommodations may not exceed 10 percent of the total cost of construction, except as provided in paragraph (d) of this section. Special spaces and accommodations include multipurpose rooms, game rooms, libraries, lounges, and, in independent living complexes, central kitchens and dining rooms.

(2) Special spaces and accommodations exclude offices, halls, mechanical rooms, laundry rooms, and parking areas; dwelling units and lobbies in independent living complexes; and bedrooms, living rooms, dining and kitchen areas, shared bathrooms, and resident staff dwelling units in group homes.

(d) *Exceptions.* HUD may approve a project that does not comply with the cost containment and modest design standards of paragraphs (a) through (c) of this section if:

(1) The Sponsor demonstrates a willingness and ability to contribute the incremental development cost and continuing operating costs associated with the additional amenities or design features; or

(2) The proposed project involves substantial rehabilitation or acquisition with or without moderate rehabilitation, the additional amenities or design features were incorporated into the existing structure before the submission of the application, and the total development cost of the project with the additional amenities or design features does not exceed the cost limits.

§ 891.675 Prohibited facilities.

The requirements for prohibited facilities for 202/162 projects are provided in § 891.315, except that Section 202/162

projects may not include commercial spaces.

§ 891.680 Site and neighborhood standards.

The general requirements for site and neighborhood standards for 202/162 projects are provided in §§ 891.125 and 891.320. In addition to the requirements in §§ 891.125 and 891.320, the following requirements apply to 202/162 projects:

(a) The site must promote greater choice of housing opportunities and avoid undue concentration of assisted persons in areas containing a high proportion of low-income persons.

(b) Projects must be located in neighborhoods where other family housing is located. Except as provided below, projects may not be located adjacent to the following facilities, or in areas where such facilities are concentrated: schools or day care centers for handicapped persons, workshops, medical facilities, or other housing primarily serving handicapped persons. Projects may be located adjacent to other housing primarily serving handicapped persons if the projects together do not exceed the project size limitations under § 891.665(a).

§ 891.685 Prohibited relationships.

The requirements for prohibited relationships for 202/162 projects are provided in § 891.130.

§ 891.690 Other Federal requirements.

In addition to the Federal requirements set forth in 24 CFR part 5, other Federal requirements for the 202/162 projects are provided in §§ 891.155 and 891.325.

§ 891.695 Operating cost standards.

The requirements for the operating cost standards are provided in § 891.150.

§ 891.700 Prepayment of loans.

(a) *Prepayment prohibition.* The prepayment (whether in whole or in part) or the assignment or transfer of physical and financial assets of any Section 202 project is prohibited, unless the Assistant Secretary gives prior written approval.

(b) *HUD-approved prepayment.* Approval for prepayment or transfer will not be granted unless HUD determines

that the prepayment or transfer of the loan is a part of a transaction that will ensure the continued operation of the project until the original maturity date of the loan in a manner that will provide rental housing for the handicapped families on terms at least as advantageous to existing and future tenants as the terms required by the original Section 202 loan agreement and any other loan agreements entered into under other provisions of law.

§ 891.705 Project assistance contract.

(a) *Project assistance contract (PAC).* The PAC sets forth rights and duties of the Borrower and HUD with respect to the project and the project assistance payments.

(b) *PAC execution.* (1) Upon satisfactory completion of the project, the Borrower and HUD shall execute the PAC on the form prescribed by HUD.

(2) The effective date of the PAC may be earlier than the date of execution, but no earlier than the date of HUD's issuance of the permission to occupy.

(3) If the project is completed in stages, the procedures of paragraph (b) of this section shall apply to each stage.

(c) *Project assistance payments to owners under the PAC.* The project assistance payments made under the PAC are:

(1) Payments to the Borrower to assist eligible families leasing assisted units. The amount of the project assistance payment made to the Borrower for an assisted unit (or residential space in a group home) that is leased to an eligible family is equal to the difference between the contract rent for the unit (or pro rata share of the contract rent in a group home) and the tenant rent payable by the family.

(2) Payments to the Borrower for vacant assisted units ("vacancy payments"). The amount of and conditions for vacancy payments are described in § 891.790. HUD makes the project assistance payments monthly upon proper requisition by the Borrower, except payments for vacancies of more than 60 days, which HUD makes semiannually upon requisition by the Borrower.

(d) *Payment of utility reimbursement.* If applicable, a utility reimbursement will be paid to a family occupying an